PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Gyouei IWAMOTO, et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A TIRE VULCANIZING MOLD AND TIRE VULCANIZING MOLD

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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In response to the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)", mailed March 21, 2006 Applicant respectfully submits that a Declaration, properly executed by the inventor in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date, was in fact filed along with a check in the amount of \$130.00 for late surcharge fee on February 17, 2006. Receipt of the Declaration, Assignment and checks for surcharge fee and recordation fee was acknowledged by the PTO as evidenced by the receipt attached hereto date stamped by the PTO on February 17, 2006.

Nevertheless, and in the interest of resolving this matter as expeditiously as possible, Applicant is submitting again a copy of the three-page Declaration as filed on February 17, 2006, along with a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the PTO to withdraw the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed on March 21, 2006, with a confirmation that the erroneous Notification has been vacated. If any fee is needed for the present response, including any extension of time fee, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is being submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/02/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 05/02/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/02/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 05/02/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 05/02/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 05/02/2005
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 05/02/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/02/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 05/02/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:



• \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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PAPER(S) FILED ENTITLED:

1. Submission of Executed Declaration (in duplicate) with a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a check in the amount of \$130.00

2. Copy of an executed Assignment with PTO Form 1595 and a check in the amount of \$40.00

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